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1. AFTER A SLOW START, THE ELECTRONIC WARFARE (EW) TASK
FORCE APPEARS TO BE PROGRESSING WELL AND DOES NOT SEEM TO
BE SUFFERING FROM ITS SOMEWHAT LOOSE TOR. THE TIME IS
RAPIDLY APPROACHING FOR NATIONAL INVOLVEMENT IN THE EW
INITIATIVE, AND WE BELIEVE THAT THE ALLIES WILL PAY CLOSE
ATTENTION TO THE US RESPONSE TO REQUESTS FROM THE TASK
FORCE DIRECTOR. WE CANNOT PREDICT THEIR REACTION TO A VERY
POSITIVE US REACTION; I.E., IF THEY WITNESS STRONG US PAR-
TICIPATION THEY MAY OR MAY NOT RESPOND IN KIND. HOWEVER,
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IF THEY PERCEIVE THAT THE US IS HOLDING BACK THEY WILL
ALMOST CERTAINLY DO THE SAME. WE BELIEVE THAT THE US CAN
AND SHOULD SET THE STANDARD FOR NATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS BY
PROVIDING A COMPLETE AND TIMELY RESPONSE TO EACH REQUEST
FOR INFORMATION AND BY MAKING CERTAIN THAT THE ALLIES ARE
AWARE OF THE QUALITY OF OUR EFFORTS. THE OBVIOUS SUBJECTS
FOR FUTURE REQUESTS ARE INTELLIGENCE AND EW EQUIPMENT

INFORMATION.

2. INTELLIGENCE IS PROBABLY THE MOST DIFFICULT ASPECT OF THE EW INITIATIVE, YET IT IS BASIC TO ANY IMPROVEMENT IN NATO EW CAPABILITIES. THE TIME FRAME IN WHICH THE RESULTANT EW PROGRAMS ARE TO TAKE PLACE (1980'S AND BEYOND) PLACES A PREMIUM ON THE POSSESSION OF VERY HIGH QUALITY AND, THEREFORE, VERY SENSITIVE INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION. NO DOUBT A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF THE ENEMY'S EW CAPABILITIES TO BE CONFRONTED BY NATO IN THE 1980'S HAS NOT AS YET ACHIEVED AN OPERATIONAL STATUS. VERY LITTLE INFORMATION ON THESE CAPABILITIES EXISTS WITHIN NATO, AND MORE MUST COME FROM NATIONAL SOURCES. WE RECOMMEND THAT THE US BEGIN AN IMMEDIATE INTERNAL REVIEW OF THE INFORMATION NECESSARY TO A SUCCESSFUL NATO EW PROGRAM IN LAND, SEA, AND AIR ENVIRONMENTS, AND BEGIN SUCH SANITIZATION AS IS NECESSARY TO ASSURE TIMELY RELEASE TO NATO.

3. FORMULATION OF REMEDIAL PROGRAMS WILL REQUIRE THAT THE ALLIES BE FAMILIAR WITH THOSE EQUIPMENTS THAT THE US IS WILLING TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO THEM. THE US HAS BY FAR THE LARGEST INVENTORY OF EW EQUIPMENT AND SHOULD BE WILLING TO ASSIST THE ALLIES IN ACQUISITION OF EW HARDWARE. US RELEASE PROCEEDINGS HAVE, IN THE PAST, CONSUMED CONSIDERABLE TIME, AND THE SCHEDULE OF THE EW INITIATIVE WILL NOT PERMIT OUR USUAL SLOW PACE. WE RECOMMEND THAT EACH OF THE SERV-

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ICES REVIEW ITS INVENTORY OF EXISTING AND NEAR-FUTURE EQUIPMENTS AND, FOR EACH CANDIDATE SYSTEM, ASSEMBLE A DATA PACKAGE DESCRIBING PHYSICAL AND ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS, TEST CONDITIONS AND RESULTS, AND COST AND AVAILABILITY DATA. ALL POSSIBLE MEASURES SHOULD BE TAKEN IN ADVANCE TO ENSURE RAPID RELEASE OF THIS INFORMATION IN RESPONSE TO THE EXPECTED REQUEST FROM THE EW TASK FORCE.

4. WE BELIEVE THAT REQUESTS FOR NATIONAL INPUTS ARE IMMINENT. THE US SHOULD TAKE THE LEAD IN RESPONDING. OUR CREDIBILITY COULD WELL BE UNDERMINED IF, AFTER INTRODUCING THE LONG-TERM DEFENSE INITIATIVE, WE ARE LAGGARD OR UNRESPONSIVE IN SUPPORTING THEM. GLITMAN

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